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City to host business recycling focus group

The city of Boulder Office of Environmental Affairs (OEA) invites the business community to submit feedback on the future of waste reduction for the commercial sector at a focus group from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Municipal Building , 1777 Broadway, West Conference Room. Lunch will be provided.

The goal of the focus group is to gather information for the city's draft Master Plan for Waste Reduction to determine what efficiencies and improvements can be made to best meet the recycling needs of the business community. This plan was created by OEA and asks the question, "Can Boulder become a Zero Waste (or darn near) community?"

To register, contact Marna Hibberd at (303) 441-4204 or hibberdm@ci.boulder.co.us.

Health Fair at North Boulder Recreation Center on Oct. 25

The community is invited to attend the second annual Health and Wellness Fair hosted by the city of Boulder Parks and Recreation Department from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the North Boulder Recreation Center , 3170 Broadway. The health fair will include free or low- cost health screenings, as well as many information booths. Admission is free. For more information, call (303) 413-7264 or visit www.ci.boulder.co.us/parks-recreation.

Volunteers needed for native seed collection

The city of Boulder Parks and Recreation Conservation Team invites groups or individuals 14 years of age and older to collect native seeds from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Foothills Community Park, 800 Cherry St. Meet in the parking lot next to the Community Gardens .

Volunteers will need to wear sturdy, close-toed shoes and clothes appropriate for the weather. Water, gloves and bags will be provided. For more information or to sign up, call Mary Malley, coordinator of volunteer services at (303) 413-7245.

Youth and adult swim classes available

The city of Boulder Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of swim classes for youth and adults. Session two classes begin daily the week of Oct. 17. Fee: \$25 residents / \$32 non-residents for 5 classes. Visit www.ci.boulder.co.us/parks-recreation for information on specific class days and times and to join the aquatics e-mail list to be notified of upcoming classes and events.

Teen art contest offered at Library

The Boulder Public Library seeks entries in a statewide, teens-only contest to create poster and bookmark artwork for the 2006 teen summer reading program. The theme for the program is "Lost!" Colorado artists in grades six through 12 are eligible to interpret the theme in any way they find appropriate. Winning artwork will be distributed in Colorado schools and libraries next spring. Entries must be received by Friday, Oct. 21. Information about size and material requirements and the entry form for the bookmark are online at www.aclin.org/~cyaal/srp2006/bookmarkcontest.pdf. Information and the entry form for the poster is at www.aclin.org/~cyaal/srp2006/postercontest.pdf. For details, call the Library Youth Services Desk at (303) 441-3099.

Senior Services sponsors MahJongg tournament

Boulder Senior Services is sponsoring a MahJongg tournament from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 14, at the East Boulder Senior Center , 5660 Sioux Drive . This is a fundraiser for the senior exercise program and is open to people of all ages who can complete a game in 25 minutes. Door prizes and awards will be given for top scores. Register as an individual or a team by Nov. 7. Registration includes lunch, beverages and refreshments. Fee: \$15 for city residents, or \$19 for non-residents. For more information or to register, call (303) 441-4150 or (303) 441-3148. Boulder Senior Services is a division of the city of Boulder's Housing and Human Services Department.

Senior Services provides support group for grandparents raising grandchildren

The "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group" will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 24, at the West Boulder Senior Center, 909 Arapahoe Avenue. The group meets on the fourth Monday of each month and free child care is provided. For more information call Senior Services at (303) 441-4388. Boulder Senior Services is a division of the city of Boulder's Department of Housing and Human Services.

Safe driving class available for seniors

Boulder Senior Services is offering a safe driving class for mature drivers. "Behind the Wheel" includes classroom instruction as well as a private 30-minute road evaluation on another day as arranged. The classroom part of the course is from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20, at East Boulder Senior Center, 5660 Sioux Drive.

Many seniors have never had the opportunity to attend formal driving education. The purpose of this course is to help seniors drive safely longer. Participants will learn how to assess their own driving skills, the best types of cars for seniors to drive safely as long as possible, how to phase out of driving in stages, if necessary, and simple exercises to enhance driving ability.

Boulder Police Officer Bud Kelt will discuss safe driving practices and an instructor from the Colorado Driving Institute will explain the road evaluation part of the course. Participants will make an appointment with a Colorado Driving Institute instructor for a road evaluation on another day.

The class is \$55 for Boulder residents and \$60 for non-residents. For more information or to register, call the East Senior Center at (303) 441-4150 or the West Senior Center at (303) 441-3148. Boulder Senior Services is a division of the city of Boulder's Housing and Human Services.

Senior Services sponsors two day trips

Boulder Senior Services is sponsoring two day trips by bus. The trip to the Longmont Museum and Gerard's Bakery departs at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25, from McDonald's at 1800 28th Street and returns at approximately 3 p.m. The fee is \$28 for city residents and \$32 for non-residents. This includes transportation and admissions. Lunch at the Country Buffet is a separate fee.

The trip to Denver's Boettcher Concert Hall to see screen legend Debbie Reynolds with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra leaves at 6 p.m. and returns at approximately 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29. The fee is \$74 to \$93, which includes transportation and the performance.

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